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IDP and FSA Increases in May Paychecks

ARLINGTON, Va. (May 27) - Retroactive increases in Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) and the Family Separation Allowance (FSA) Type II are included in authorized service members' May pay, according to payroll personnel at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The IDP increase affects 59,610 Airmen and women, 146,790 soldiers, 43,048 Marines, and 80,305 sailors. The FSA increase will go to 42,783 Airmen and women, 117,144 soldiers, 16,277 Marines, and 98,096 sailors.

IDP is payable when a member is on official duty in a designated IDP area, as identified in Chapter 10 of the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulations, Volume 7A.

FSA Type II is payable to service members in the following circumstances: enforced family separation when dependents travel is not authorized at government expense; when a member is assigned to a ship that spends more than 30 days away from its homeport; or when a member is assigned to temporary duty for more than 30 days and dependents do not reside at or near the temporary duty station.

The new monthly payment levels, retroactive to October 1, 2002, are \$225 for IDP, an increase of \$75, and \$250 for FSA, an increase of \$150.

These increases are included in the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations bill signed by President Bush on April 16 and are effective through the end of FY-2003 (September 30, 2003). The House and Senate Armed Services Committees are considering making these increases permanent as part of the FY-2004 Defense Authorization Bill.

Imminent Danger Pay is not taxable for service members in combat zones. The Family Separation Allowance is always tax-free.

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